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1. Location

1. a. The aluminum combine is located in the forest to the south of Volchanka (59-57N, 60-04E), approximately 15 kms north of Karpinsk (59-45N, 60-04E). [redacted] Volchanka was originally a small settlement but it has now grown to considerable proportions by reason of its amalgamation with the very extensive hutment camps for Soviet workers and PW's, employed in the neighboring aluminum ore and coal mines, the aluminum combine, and the power station.

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- b. The electric power station is located approximately 500 m west of the aluminum combine.

2. Aluminum Combine

2. a. The aluminum combine was built during the war on the most modern lines and immediately put into operation. At the end of 1949, constructions and extensions were still in progress. All the buildings were of masonry.

- b. The combine covers an area of approximately 1,500 x 1,000 m.

- c. Production quantities are not known. [] the output is increasing "by leaps and bounds". During the war [] the aluminum produced was used exclusively for military purposes such as aircraft construction, but is now also being used for industrial purposes.

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- d. Raw materials for the production of aluminum are obtained from local mines.

- e. Power is supplied by the new electric power station

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2. Rail connection: A branch line from the Turinsk (58-02N, 63-40E)-Bayanovka (60-12N, 59-42E) sector, passing through the settlement of Volchanka [redacted]

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- g. Labor: Work was carried out in three shifts. [redacted] the number of persons employed in the combine was approximately 15,000, consisting only of Soviet civilian workers and convicts.

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- h. Security: The aluminum combine is surrounded by two fences, i.e., an inner fence of wood and an outer fence, at a distance 3-5 m, of barbed wire, each fence being approximately 2 m high. Watch towers are located between the two fences and are manned by two military sentries. The forest surrounding the work's area has been cleared to an extent of approximately 150-200 m. Trespassing in this cleared area is strictly forbidden, and the clearing is patrolled at irregular intervals by military sentries. Two sentries, one military and one factory guard, check workers' passes at the entrances.

i. [redacted]

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Electric power station

3. a. This is a new construction which extends over an area approximately 500 square m.
- b. It supplies power to the aluminum combine, to the neighboring mines, and also to the extensive industrial area around Karpirsk and Turinsk.
- c. Coal for the power plant is obtained from local deposits, which are worked by open-cast mining.
- d. Rail connection: A branch line from the Turinsk-Bayanovka sector, which also connects the aluminum combine with the main line.
- e. Security: The area of the power station is surrounded by a wooden fence with barbed wire on top. There are watch towers around the sides of the area facing away from the aluminum combine. Around the power station is an area approximately 400 m in depth which is apparently naturally free of trees. Security similar to that of the aluminum combine.

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[redacted]

Comment: According to our records, these are the Bogdanovskii Aluminum Works and TETSS (Teplo-Elektro-Tsentrally) Power Station. The main details appear to agree with reports that have been published in the Soviet press.

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